

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

PUBLIC SERVICES – APWAS- Sri Ch.Saraswathi Kumar, the then PAO(WA), Vijayawada now PAO(Admn &IA)(Retired) - Irregularities in award of price escalation to bitumen and POL in road & bridge works taken up by the TR&B Department, Panchayat Raj Department & AP Road Development Corporation - Appointment of Sri M.Ravindra Prasad Bob, JDWA, Ongole as Inquiry Officer and Sri D.Sreenivasulu, Manager Technical(APAO) O/o the PAO(WA), Vijayawada as Presenting Officer – Orders – Issued.

FINANCE (ADMN-II-DWA,PAO) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1911

**Dated.07.09.2021
Read the following:-**

1. From DG,GA(V&E) & E.O. Prl. Secy. to Govt. G.A.(V&E)Dept Vigilance Report No.98(C.No.141 /V&E/E1 /2014) dated. 12.10.2017.
2. G.O Ms No 83 Finance (Admn.II, DWA,PAO) Department dtd. 14.09.2020
3. G.O RT No.2343 Finance (Admn.II, DWA,PAO) Department dtd. 14.09.2020
4. Explanation of Sri Ch.Saraswathi Kumar, the then PAO(WA), Vijayawada now PAO(Admn &IA)(Retired) through letter dtd.28.10.2020.
5. DWA's e.file No: DOWA-12027/34/2017 with computer no. 311671 & FIN08-11021/211/2021-SEC with computer no. 1491422.

ORDER:

It was brought to the notice of the Government vide reference 1st read above that, certain irregularities were committed by the Sri Ch. Saraswathi Kumar, PAO (Retd) to identify the irregular payments made in award of price escalation to bitumen and POL in road & bridge works taken up by the TR&B Department, Panchayat Raj Department and AP Road Development Corporation in Krishna District.

2. In the reference third read above, the Government have issued the following Articles of Charge under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 against the charged officer.,

Charge – I

"That the said Sri Ch.Saraswathi Kumar while functioning as PAO(WA), Vijayawada has made the payments for the works of R&B Circle, Vijayawada, Krishna District without proper scrutiny, due to which excess amount of Rs.58,49,798/- was paid to the contractor/s and held responsible for loss of public funds as stipulated in Article 273 of A.P. Financial Code. This amounts to dereliction of duties and disobedience to the Government instructions. Thus he has violated Rule 3(1) of A.P.C.S. Conduct Rules 1964."

The articles of Charged have been served to the charged officer with a direction to submit her written statement of defence if any, within (10) days of the receipt of the orders.

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3. In the reference fourth read above the Charged Officer has submitted his explanation and denied the charges levelled against him and the charged Officer has submitted that he would strive to be more careful in dealing those things than with his own money as evident from the abnormally extra hours and work in office with all those enormous quantity of works and establishment bills, probably the error might have been occurred by oversight due to enormous work and he has rendered his in diligent in dealing the Government funds, as discharged his duties as per the instructions of the Government issued from time to time. In the reference fifth read above, while not convincing the explanation submitted by the Charged Officer and recommend for departmental enquiry against Sri Ch. Saraswathi Kumar, PAO (Retd) mentioned in the articles of charge.

4. Government, after careful examination, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub rule (2) and sub rule (5) of Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 hereby appoint Sri M.Ravindra Prasad Bob, Joint Director of Works Accounts, Ongole as Inquiry Officer and Sri D.Sreenivasulu, Manager Technical(APAO) O/o the PAO(WA), Vijayawada as Presenting Officer to inquire into the charges framed against Sri Ch. Saraswathi Kumar, PAO (Retd).

5. The Inquiry Authority is directed to complete the enquiry within two months and submit report to the Government for taking further necessary action. In case of delay the Inquiry Authority shall explain every day of delay.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(RM&FP)

To

The Director of Works Accounts, A.P, Ibrahimpatnam.

Sri M.Ravindra Prasad Bob, JDWA, Ongole through Director of Works Accounts, A.P, Ibrahimpatnam.

Sri Sri D.Sreenivasulu, Manager Technical(APAO) O/o the PAO(WA), Vijayawada, through the Director of Works Accounts, A.P, Ibrahimpatnam

Sri Ch. Saraswathi Kumar, PAO (Retd) through Director of Works Accounts, A.P, Ibrahimpatnam

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SECTION OFFICER